U.S. Drought Monitor

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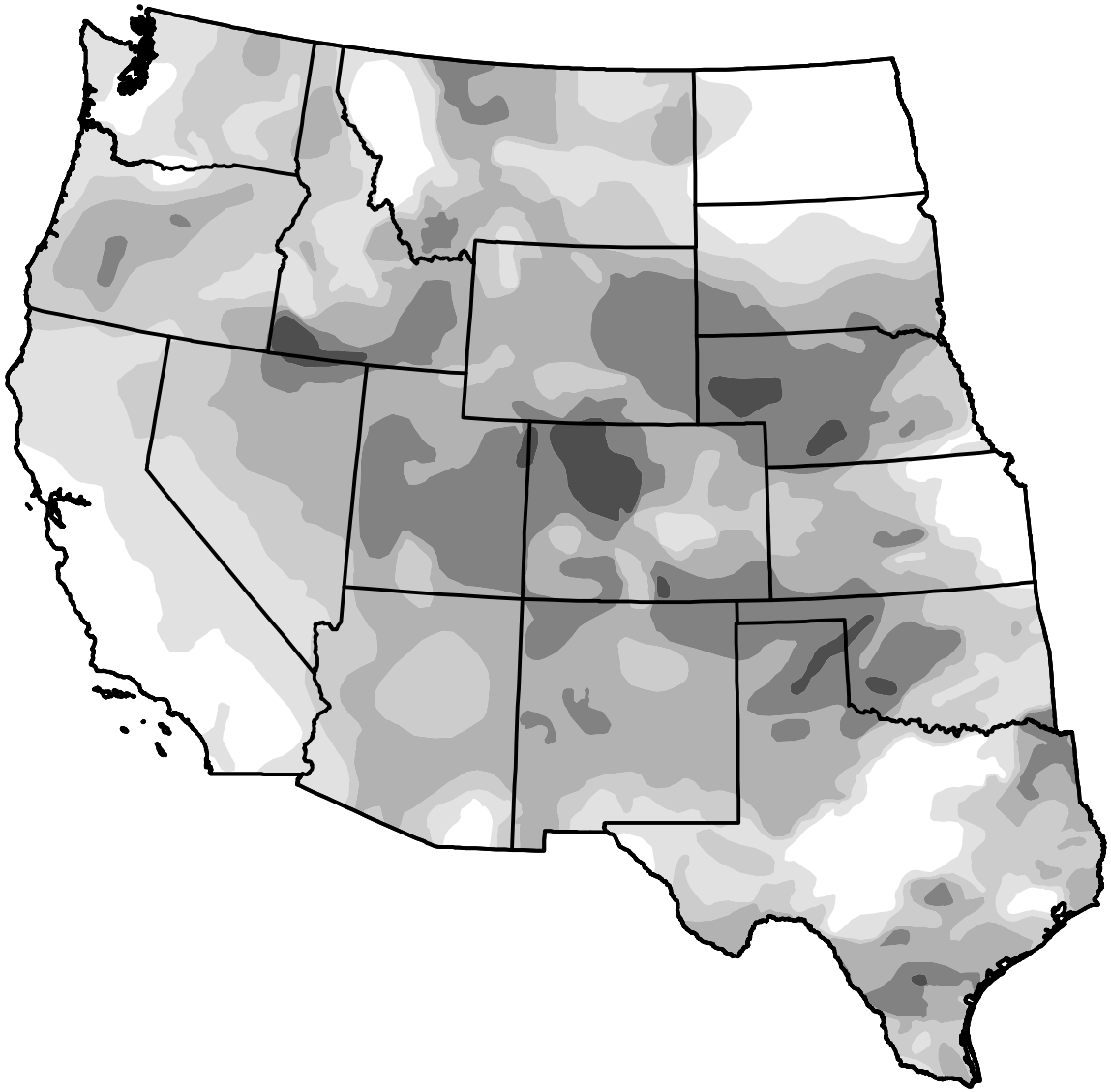

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	13.69	18.00	22.18	28.66	15.56	1.90
Last Week *05-05-2026*	14.32	18.54	21.88	28.07	15.53	1.67
3 Months Ago *02-10-2026*	29.36	27.73	25.85	13.19	3.76	0.10
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	38.34	24.35	22.77	12.17	2.28	0.09
Start of Water Year *09-30-2025*	33.13	20.59	15.78	22.24	7.78	0.49
One Year Ago *05-13-2025*	30.45	20.73	20.34	14.64	10.77	3.07

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx

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